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TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

Friday, May 8, 2009

1400 W. Washington, Suite 235
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Chairman Wiggins at 7:48 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2009. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Participating by Telephone

Fred Wiggins, Ph.D. – Chairperson
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Vice-Chairman
Cheryl L. Karp, Ph.D. – Secretary
Megan Hunter-Williams
Gary D. Lovejoy, Ph.D.
Miki Paul, Ph.D.
Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., ABPP
Joseph Donaldson (7:52 a.m.)

Staff Present

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director
Meghan B. Hinckley, Deputy Director

Public Present

Stuart Goodman

3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF APPLICANTS

➤ **Requesting Examination**

Dr. Karp made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wiggins, and carried (6-0-1), with Dr. Wechsler recused and Mr. Donaldson abstaining, that the following applicants, having met the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071 and A.A.C. R4-26-203, be approved to sit for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP):

- a) Cassie Faulhaber, Psy.D.
- b) Joanna Jablonski, Psy.D.

➤ **Requesting Examination & Licensure**

Dr. Karp made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wiggins, and carried (6-0-1), with Dr. Wechsler recused and Mr. Donaldson abstaining, that the following applicants, having met the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-

2071, be approved to sit for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), and receive licensure upon obtaining a passing score on the EPPP and paying the prorated license fee:

- a) Fernando Armendariz, Ph.D.
- b) Beth Elia, Ph.D.
- c) Marlee Hoffman, Ph.D.
- d) Pamela Horner, Ph.D.
- e) Catherin Snyder, Psy.D.

4. **DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF INACTIVE LICENSEES TO ACTIVE STATUS – Dr. Karp**

Dr. Karp noted that the following licensees had submitted a request to the Board to reactivate their license. Upon review of the documentation submitted, Dr. Karp noted that the licensees listed had completed all CE required to reactivate their licenses. Dr. Karp made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lovejoy, to ratify reactivation of the following licensees:

- a) Cortez Carpenter, Ph.D.
- b) Alex Hernandez, Ph.D.
- c) Boris Gindis, Ph.D.
- d) Robert Mosby, Ph.D.
- e) Frank Petroni, Ph.D.

The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

5. **DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LICENSEES WHO HAVE HAD PENDING LITIGATION/COMPLAINTS – Dr. Karp**

Ms. Hinckley stated that the licensees listed had submitted their 2009-2011 Applications for License Renewal wherein they indicated actions were taken against their licenses during the 2007-2009 renewal cycle.

- a) Kristen Flugstad, Psy.D. – Ms. Hinckley summarized the details of Dr. Flugstad's reported complaint and explanation. After discussion, Dr. Lovejoy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter-Williams, and carried (7-0) with Dr. Mellott recused, to take no action at this time regarding this matter.
- b) Sean Flynn, Ph.D. - Ms. Hinckley summarized the details of Dr. Flynn's reported complaint and explanation. After discussion, Dr. Lovejoy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, and carried unanimously, to take no action at this time regarding this matter.
- c) Scott Goldman, Ph.D. - Ms. Hinckley summarized the details of Dr. Goldman's reported complaint and explanation. After discussion of the issue, Dr. Lovejoy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Karp, and carried unanimously, to take no action at this time regarding this matter.
- d) Jill Hayes, Ph.D. - Ms. Hinckley summarized the details of Dr. Hayes' reported complaint and explanation. After discussion of the issue, Dr. Paul made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, and carried unanimously, to take no action at this time regarding this matter.

- e) Susan Kaz, Ph.D. - Ms. Hinckley summarized the details of Dr. Kaz' reported complaint and explanation. After further discussion of the matter, Dr. Paul made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lovejoy, and carried unanimously, to take no action at this time regarding this matter.
- f) Jeni McCutcheon, Psy.D. - Ms. Hinckley summarized the details of Dr. McCutcheon's reported complaint and explanation. After further discussion of the matter, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Paul, and carried unanimously, to take no action at this time regarding this matter.
- g) Michael Rabara, Psy.D. - Ms. Hinckley summarized the details of Dr. Rabara's reported complaint and explanation. After further discussion of the matter, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lovejoy, and carried unanimously, to take no action at this time regarding this matter.
- h) Fred Vanhooose, Psy.D. - Ms. Hinckley summarized the details of Dr. Vanhooose's reported complaint and explanation. After further discussion of the matter, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Karp, and carried unanimously, to take no action at this time regarding this matter.

6. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR MEDICAL INACTIVE STATUS – Ms. Hinckley

Ms. Hinckley presented this agenda item. Dr. Hoard submitted a request to the Board to place her license on medical inactive status due to recent health issues. The Board reviewed the materials submitted, including documentation by Dr. Hoard's primary treating health care provider. Dr. Karp made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, and carried unanimously, to grant Dr. Hoard Medical Inactive status for her license.

7. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LICENSEES WHO FAILED TO COMPLETE ALL CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) BY 04/30/09 – Ms. Hinckley

Ms. Hinckley stated that the list of licensees had submitted their completed 2009-2011 Application for License Renewal and had indicated that they had not completed all 60 CE hours by the April 30, 2009 deadline. Board staff requested direction on how to administratively license these individuals.

Dr. Lovejoy noted that in the past, licensees who had not completed their CE hours and notified the Board of this in their renewal application, were treated as if they had been audited. Licensees were mailed a letter stating they were out of compliance with Board rules, they had an expired license and must not practice, and they must seek to remedy the deficiency before July 1 in addition to paying the late penalty fee of \$200. Dr. Lovejoy also noted that they must submit proof of completion of the CE to be provided to the Continuing Education Committee for review and approval.

Ms. Hinckley noted the procedure and the Board came to a consensus that the following licensees be mailed a letter that summarizes the administrative procedures:

- a) Hal Arkowitz, Ph.D.
- b) Margaret Glauber, Psy.D.
- c) Andre Rosseau, Psy.D.

8. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LICENSEES WHO ARE REQUESTING WAIVER OF LATE PENALTY FEE – Ms. Hinckley

Ms. Hinckley noted that during this renewal cycle, many licensees had submitted their 2009-2011 Application for License Renewal without Proof of Citizenship. Ms. Hinckley noted that, according to the Board's Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Galvin, without the completed Arizona Statement of Citizenship forms and accompanying copy of a birth certificate or passport, the application is considered incomplete.

Ms. Hinckley reported that applications that were submitted incomplete were immediately notified of the deficiency via email. Ms. Hinckley also reported that the information for supplying Arizona Statement of Citizenship and accompanying documents is listed in the 2009-2011 License Renewal Application twice, and on the Board's website. In order to download the 2009-2011 Renewal, the licensee must read the Arizona Statement of Citizenship verbiage accompanying it.

Ms. Hinckley reports that several applications were received timely by the April 30, 2009 postmarked date, but were submitted incomplete. All incomplete Renewal Applications were emailed regarding the deficiency, and, instructed that even though their applications were postmarked April 30, 2009, the submission of requested documents was late and therefore the application would be assessed a \$200 late penalty fee.

Ms. Hinckley stated that some licensees expressed concern regarding the late fee and wrote the Board requesting a waiver of the penalty due to family crisis, health issues, and financial burden. The following licensees, Dr. Fred Veltri and Dr. Mary Gendron, requested that the Board waive the late penalty fee.

After further discussion of the matter, the Board came to a consensus that there was adequate signage regarding the submission of both the Proof of Citizenship documents and copies of a birth certificate or passport, and directed staff to not waive the penalty regarding this matter. Dr. Paul made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, that carried (7-0), with Dr. Lovejoy recused, not to waive the reinstatement fee for Dr. Veltri and Dr. Gendron or any other licensee who did not turn in completed renewal materials by April 30, 2009.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Dr. Olvey

Dr. Olvey reported that the House and the Senate had released a joint draft budget proposal that included \$300,000 for the Board of Psychologist Examiners from the General Fund for FY 2010. More recently, the House released a bill that included their proposed budget. The Senate does not have a budget bill and the Governor has not released her budget proposal.

Dr. Olvey also reported that Board staff and Stuart Goodman met with Representative Barto, Representative Bradley, and a representative of the Domestic Violence Coalition regarding proposed changes contained in HB 2206 regarding complaints against forensic psychologists. The Coalition representative raised concerns that the proposed change requires initial complaints to go before the court rather than be submitted directly to the Board. The Board staff and Mr. Goodman discussed that the proposal attempts to avoid using the Board as a legal tool in forensic matters. Further, the court would refer substantive complaints to the Board. Psychologists are not exempt from discipline.

Stuart Goodman reported that the budget continues to be the focus of the current Legislative session. Mr. Goodman reiterated that both the House and Senate Budget proposals included returning \$300,000 to the Board of Psychologist Examiners from the General Fund. Mr. Goodman also reported that House Bill 2207 (HB 2207), the Behavior Analyst Bill, is positioned for discussion at the Legislature because it is closely tied with Budget issues. The Omnibus Bill, HB 2206, however, is less likely to be heard this session since it is not budget related. Mr. Goodman noted that if HB 2206 was not heard this session, the Board may consider resubmitting the bill as written or with modifications for the next Legislative session.

10. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Dr. Wechsler inquired as to why the topic of Board Safety issues was not agendized on this meeting. Dr. Wiggins replied that it was an oversight, and that it would be placed on the next meetings agenda for a formal discussion. In addition, Ms. Hinckley added that she is compiling information as to where the Board could hold meetings that would include safety measures, such as Capitol Police presence and metal detectors.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Drs. Mellott and Lovejoy exited the teleconference call at 8:55 a.m. and 8:56 a.m., respectively. There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Wechsler, seconded by Dr. Karp, and unanimously carried (7-0), to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

**Prepared by:
Meghan B. Hinckley
Deputy Director**

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl L. Karp, Ph.D.
Secretary**